GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3481
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NUMBER OF PADMA AWARDEES
Bhargav Shri Girdhari Lal

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ceiling on bestowal of Padma Awards has been increased;

(b) if so,the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to further raise the ceiling; and

(d) if so,the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The number of Padma awards given annually has been raised from 100 to 120. These do not include awards given to foreigners, NRI/PIOs and those conferred posthumously.The number has been raised with a view to recognising a larger number of deserving persons,given the wide range of disciplines/fields in which Indian excellence is emerging/ being noticed in the recent times.

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.